MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

SCIOTO PREDESTINARIAN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION:

HELD WITH THE

FRANKFORT CHURCH,

ROSS COUNTY, OHIO,

AUGUST 14, 15 and 16, 1858.

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LIST of CHURCHES, MINISTERS, MEETINGS, MESSENGERS, CONTRIBUTIONS

CHURCHES, MINISTERS, AND MEETINGS.	MESSENGERS.	Rec. by Baptism	Rec. by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Deceased.	TOTAL.	Contribution.
Pleasant Run, 3d† Jesse Stith, Pastor, John S Johnson.	J. Stith, T. P. Ashbrook, J. Peters, C. Baker, T. McNaghten, L Keggy.	14		1			2	76	5,00
Frankford, - - - - - - A. J. Yeoman. 1st.	D. Cope. J. Kelso, *T. Hogard.						1	12	1,50
Licking, - - - - - J. Stith. Pastor 4th.	*H. Beach, E. White, *J. Winegarner, J. Rhoads.	1						19	2,00
Union - - - T. Martin, 3d.	J. Whistler. H. Courtright.	3						30	2,63
Deer Creek, - - J. Parker, Pastor. 3d,	*J. Thomas, S. Kauffman, J. Messmore.			2				14	2,48
Laurel, - - - - G. N. Tussing P., 1st.	*W. Friend, J. Mounce, W. Holmes.	4					1	28	2,45
Walnut Creek, - - J. S. Stith, Pastor, 2d	J. Hite, ju., J. Hite, sen. J. Wilson.	1						20	2,50
Zion, - - - - - 2d,	A. Ater, W. Ater.						2	11	1,50
Jonathan's Creek, - - J. Parker J. Stith 4th.	*D. Drum, T. Ewers, *T. Mason, T. Smith.	2	2	2	2		2	46	3,22
Paint Creek, - - H. Hendren, Pastor 4.	J. A. Hill, A. J. Yeoman.						1	19	2,50
Friendship, - - - H. Hendren, Pastor, 2d	G. N. Tussing, S. Peters. *J. R. Davis,							21	3,00
Darbyville, - - - J. S, Johnson, Pastor 2	T. A. Peters. J. Lighttel.							10	1,00
Richard's Run, - - - 2	J Gibson, S, Egington.	1				1	3	19	2,00
Turkey Run. - - H. Hendren, Pastor 1st	H. Whiteman, H. A Blue	2						22	3,00
Franklin, - - - - D. Scofield, Pastor 4th.	R. Walcot, D Scofield, W. Winegarner.		1					14	2,50
Bethel, - - - - J. S. Johnson, P., 1st.	J. Williamson, J. Kager.						1	16	2,00
Swan, - - - -	*W. Brown, P. Shull, *W. McManis.	1	1	1				14	1,20
		29	4	2	2	1	13	391	40,48

*Absent Messengers † 1st. 2d 3d, 4th, Church Meetings.

The Association having met with the Frankfort Church, pursuant to adjournment, introductory sermon was preached by Bro. Benjamin Lampton, from 89 Psalm, 15. 16 verses, after which, by motion, appointed Bro. D. Scofield, Moderator, pro. tem., to call for the reading of letters from the different Churches, our former Moderator being confined at home unable to attend on account of ill health, the letters having been read, the congregation was dismissed for thirty minutes, when preaching at the stand to be resumed, and Messengers repaired to the house. Singing and prayer by Bro. Scofield.

1. Roll of Messenger's names called.

2. By move of Bro. J. Peters, appointed Bro. D. SCOFIELD, Moderator, and T. P. Ashbrook, Clerk.

3. Confession of Faith and Rules of decorum read.

4. Invitation given to Churches, that may wish to unite with us, to come forward if any present.

5. Also, like invition to Associations that may wish to open correspondence, when Bro's. J. Lewis and Z. Thomas, Delegates from Owl Creek Harmony Association, presented a letter accompanyed with their confession of Faith and Rules of decorum, after the reading of which, they were cordially received by vote of the Association, and right hand of fellowship by the Moderator.

6. Letters from Corresponding Associations presented and read, as follows:

Miami—Letters and Minutes by Elders S. Williams and H. Stites.

Muskingum—Letter by Elder S. Carpenter and H. Hendren.

Mad River—No intelligence.

Sandusky—No intelligence.

Clover—No intelligence.

Walhounding—Letter and Minutes by Bro's J. Curtis and J. D. Miller.

Licking—Letter and Minutes by Elder E. Ashbrook

Owl Creek—Letter by Elders J. Lewis and Z. Thomas.

7. Circular letter written by Bro. H. Beach, presented, read and refered to committee, viz: Bro's G. N. Tussing, T. A. Peters and T. McNaughten, to report on Monday.

8. Appointed Bro. T. A. Peters to write the Corresponding letter, to be presented on Monday.

9. Committee appointed to form bill of arrangement for Monday, viz: Bro's. J. Peters, J. Williamson and T. McNaughten.

10. Appointed by ballot the following Ministers to preach on Sunday, viz: S. Williams, Z. Thomas, B. Lampton and H. Stites.

11. Appointed J. Peters, T. Ewers and W. Winegarner, to receive and distribute the fund which was done as follows: Clerk and Minutes, $15, ballance to corresponding Messengers.

12. Adjourned till Monday, 9 o'clock, A. M. Praise and Prayer by S. Williams.

Monday, 9 A. M., met pursuant to adjournment. Praise and Prayer by Bro. Moderator.

13. Bill of Arrangement presented, read and adopted, as the order of business for to-day.

14. Circular Letter presented by Committee with very slight alteration, received and ordered to be printed with the Minutes.

15. Corresponding letter presented by the writer, read and adopted.

16. Corresponding Messengers oppointed as follows: Miami Association, G. N. Tussing; Muskingum, G. N. Tussing; Sandusky, Jesse Stith; Walhonding, Lewis Kagy; Licking, Daniel Scofield; Owlcreek, Jesse Stith.

17. Appointed Bro. J. Peters to write the Circular letter for next year.

18. Resolved—The 14th Section of the Minutes of 1847, recinded, and in future the Association appoint one of its members, on the first day of their meeting, to write the Corresponding Letter.

19. *Resolved*, The Association decided to appoint some one to preach the introductory sermon for the next year,—whereupon Bro. G. N. Tussing was appointed.

20. *Resolved*, That the Association regulate the preaching at the stand.

21. The next Association to convene with the Licking Church at Hebron, Licking Co., Ohio, on Saturday before the 3d Sunday in August, 1859.

22. The clerk to superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes.

23. Visitation meetings appointed as follows:

Richard's Run—5th Sunday in October, 1858; Elders J. Stith and H. Hendren.

Licking—4th Sunday in October, 1858; Elders B. Lampton and S. Merideth.

Deer Creek—5th Sunday in October, 1858; Elders Z. Thomas and J. Lewis.

Laurel—3d Sunday in January, 1859: H. Hendren, D. Scofield.

Union—3d Sunday in Oct. 1858; D. Scofield, H. Hendren.

Above meetings to commence on Saturday before at 10 o'clock a. m.

24. Adjourned to meet as above. DANIEL SCOFIELD, Mod.

Tunis P. Ashbrook, Clerk.

Singing by Bro. J. Peters and Prayer by Elder Hezekiah Stites, after pronouncing one of the most profound and feeling farewell addresses we think we ever witnessed; our aged Brother, briefly retrospected the some forty years of acqua ntance that he had had with this Association;—remarking of the great pleasure and christian enjoyment that he had witnessed, and still continued to exist amongst its members, exhorting the brethren to love, humility, obedience, &c.—We conclude by saying, we fail a discription of the feelings witnessed on the occasion. Clerk.

Preaching at the Stand, After recess, on Satnrday by Elder Eli Ashbrook—St. John, 10th chap. 16th verse. Sermon by Samuel Merideth; St. Mark 5th chap. 19th verse.

SUNDAY—Preaching by Zachariah Thomes, Isa. 30, 21; Hezekiah Stites, Songs, 2, 10–13: Benjamin Lampton, St. John 6, 37; Samuel Williams, 1st Cor. 3, 9.

MONDAY—Preaching by John Lewis, 1st John, 1, 14; Zachariah Thomas, Acts 20, 28.

Services closed by Elder Samuel Williams, by exhortation and admonition in a very feeling and appropriate manner.

Names of ministers present and Post Office Address; Scioto Association, Jesse Stith, East Rushville, Fairfield Co., Ohio; Daniel Scofield, Hilliard Station, Franklin Co., Ohio; Geo. N. Tussing, Pickerington, Fairfield Co., Ohio; Muskingum, Samuel Carpenter, Lancaster, Fairfield Co., Ohio; Hiram Hendren, Winchester, Fairfield Co., Ohio; Samuel Merideth, Linville, Licking Co., Ohio; Cephas M. Leland, Jacksontown, Licking Co., Ohio; Miami; Samuel Williams, Lebanon, Warren Co., Ohio; Hezekiah Stites; Lebanon, Warren Co., Ohio;—Licking, Eli Ashbrook, Johnstown, Licking Co., Ohio; Pike Taylor, New Albany, Licking Co., Ohio; Owl Creek Harmony, Zachariah Thomas, Chesterville, Morrow Co., Ohio.

John Lewis, and Benjamin Lampton,

Corresponding Associations—Time of Meeting:

MIAMI—To meet with Sugar Creek Church, in Centreville, Montgomery Co., O., 8 miles South of Dayton, on the Dayton and Lebanon turnpike, on Friday before the 2nd Sunday in Sept. 1858.

MUSKINGUM—To meet with the Lexington Church, New Lexingington, Perry Co., O., on Fridry before the 4th Sunday in Aug. 1858.

MAD RIVER—To meet with the Miami Church, Shelby Co., Ohio, near Pember on, on the Bellfountain Railroad, on Friday before the 1st Sunday in Sept. 1858.

LICKING—To meet with the Harmony Church, 3 miles west of Alexander, Licking Co., Ohio, on Friday before the 1st Sunday in Sept. 1858.

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

The Scioto Predestinarian Baptist Association now in session with the Frankfort church at Frankfort; Ross County, Ohio, to the several Associations with whom she corresponds sendeth christian salutation.

Dearly Beloved Brethren in Christ:

In the kind Providence of God, we are permitted once more to meet in the capacity of an association and of beholding the faces of many of our dear brethren in the flesh, and of speaking and hearing of things pertaining to the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and our eternal welfare. Our meeting has been one of very great interest inasmuch as the preaching has been all of a piece, to wit: Salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ; we have been much refreshed by the coming of your messengers, who have come to us in the fulness of the blessing, of the gospel of Christ, knowing nothing, nor preaching nothing for life and salvation save Christ and him crucified. Our minutes will show you the state and condition of our Churches. Now, dear brethren, we earnestly solicit a continuation of your chrisitan correspondence, and may the Lord be with you, and us, and all his dear children in guiding them into a knowledge and love of the truth as it is in Jesus Christ, fitting us for all the duties of life, and by his grace enableing us willingly to walk in the discharge of the same. That we may live soberly, righteously, and Godly, in this present world, and when all of God's wise ends are fully accomplished with us here below, may we be so unspeakably happy as to be received into his everlasting kingdom, there to join the general assembly, and church of the first born in ascriptions of praise to God and the Lamb in a world without end, Amen.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

The Scioto Predestinarian Baptist Association. To the Churches and members composing her body send this our anual epistle of Love.

Very Dear Brothern in the Lord, and called to be Saints,—We have chosen for this short address. No new subject or controverted point of doctrine, but wish in a few words to call your mind to the danger of worldly mindedness; and since Christ and the Apostles so frequently and so plainly and pointedly, warned us against the danger of this beseting sin, we feel confident, that the subject is worthy our most serious attention, and as we address a people, who profess to be zealous of good works, we use plainness of speech. Now the christian is commanded to come out from the world and be separate, they are a peculiar people. The salt of the earth. The light of the world. In short their daily walk and conversation, should be as conspicuous as a city on a hill, that the world should take knowledge of us, that we had been with Jesus, and now is this the case with us? if not, let us enquire for

the cause. God has given us as a nation a goodly heritage, probably every way equal to that bestowed on his ancient people. But they could not bear prosperity. And have not we as a people like them became proud and vain in our imaginations. This we need not wonder at in the men of the world. But have not we though professing to have renounced the world and its vanities, mixed too freely in the general scramble, and thereby lost that distinctiveness that should ever mark the people of God.

And now dear brethren, have we in times past, and do we now live up to our high calling. Has not the christian Standard been greaty lowered among us. Where is the zeal that once animated us! where that fervent love that cast the world and its vanities so effectally into the shade, and burned up the dross of our selfish Nature, filling our hearts with praise and thanksgiving. But now we fear, that the deceitfulness of riches, the lust of the eye, and the pride of life has choaked the word that it becometh unfruitful, so that the warnings and admonitions of Christ and his Apostels should (at this time) be speedily heeded. Now the christian may lawfully gain and richly enjoy the good things of this life as Stewards but they must not be his Treasurers—our God is a jealous God, and hates Idols, and when his ancient people forsook him and went after their vanities he punished them, and will not the same God deal with us by the same rule—and is there nothing in the signs of the times worthy to be regarded. Our fruit fails, our fields do not yield their usual increase, or if they do they turn to rottenness in our hands, and thousands who thought themselves rich have had their earthly possessions suddenly swept away. God thereby removing their goods (as it were) in a day. Now we do not teach that the salvation of the soul depends on anything that we may or can do. But this we say, that Godliness with contentment is great gain; and in keeping his commandments there is great reward, and that a willing obedience is as profitable now and as acceptable with God as in the time of Moses or Samuel, Now we warn you agninst these things, though ye know them; lest ye fall into temptation and a snare and pierce your selves through with many sorrows and bring reproach on the cause of our Divine Master. For thus sayeth the true Witness "as many as I love I rebuke and chasten," and now dear brethren, let us strive as much as in us lies, (remembering that without Christ we can do nothing) to elevate the christian standard to its proper position. Let us ask for the old paths; let us walk in the good old way, and to that end we direct you to your Bibles, especially the New Testament, as far preferable to any mere human production to teach us how we ought to walk and to please God. Finally brethren, be careful for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving. Let your requests be made known unto God, and the peace of God which passeth all understanding shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus,

FAREWELL.